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KVP in the Eggesin Area

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REMARKS

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- On 11 June 1953, about 150 trucks were parked in forest section No 204 near Eggesin. At 10 a.m., four T-34/85 tanks entered forest section [redacted] practiced with training ammunition. At 2 p.m., about 60 men carrying carbines and light machine guns marched to the meadows north of the road to Alt Eggesin. [redacted]

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- At 9 a.m. on 13 June, about 30 men practiced firing with carbines and blank cartridges at the meadows north of the road to Alt Eggesin. At 7 p.m., three T-34/85 tanks [redacted] moved toward Ahlbeck-Hintersee, coming from the direction of the railroad station. [redacted] trucks [redacted] and sedan [redacted] were seen driving to, and from, the wooded area.

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- During the noon hours on 16 June, about 25 T-34/85 tanks and about 21 AT guns of an undetermined caliber practiced attack and defense in forest section No 228. Female VPs were also at the gun positions and threw practice grenades at tanks during the exercise. Motor vehicles seen driving to, and from, the wooded area on this day included sedans [redacted] and trucks [redacted]

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- On 17 June, there was but little motor vehicle traffic. All units were at alert. [redacted] and sedan [redacted] entered and left the camp south of Eggesin which was still occupied by an estimated 3,000 men. No field training was observed on the following days. Especially many VPs were seen at the inns. They discussed an alleged 40-percent dismissal from the KVP. The construction activity in the woods southeast of Eggesin was discontinued from 17 to 19 June when the construction workers were on strike. All installations under construction were occupied by large VP details immediately after the outbreak of the strike. The construction workers were told to resume work under supervision by VPs. They continued working, however, only after the guard details had been withdrawn. 1

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5. On 5 July 1953, motor traffic was again normal in the area of Eggesin. Jeep [redacted] sedan [redacted] trucks [redacted] [redacted] were seen at the wood camp. Construction material and billeting equipment were increasingly shipped to the wooded area. The sentries in the woods had been increased. Sentries patrolling the town were reinforced. The area of the officers quarters was guarded by about 12 double sentries.

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1. [redacted] Comment. The information indicates that the KVP in the area of Eggesin was probably not alerted until the night on 16 June. The information is the first to indicate that the construction workers had struck in this area.

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